



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING COMMITTEE  
MARCH 27, 2023, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Regional realignment.** The committee approved in concept to increase the regions from four to six. Additional details must be discussed prior to a formal proposal.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Regional realignment.** The committee discussed and approved in concept a proposal to increase the number of regions from four to six to better balance the size of regions. The committee is still discussing potential tweaks to the allocation formula and committee composition based on the proposed change and has requested that staff pull together data for potential options. A final proposal is expected to be shared with the COC at its June meeting.
2. **Competition Oversight Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions taken by the Competition Oversight Committee.
3. **Regional review.** The committee reviewed regional competition and agreed that each host did a good job hosting each event. The committee will work to confirm 2024 regional competition hosts in the coming months.
4. **Championships review.** The committee commended Duke University for hosting the championships.

The committee also discussed some issues around credential controls and weighed potential solutions to implement in future years.

Additionally, the committee reviewed administrative policies, such as credential request approvals, and made adjustments to accommodate necessary staffing for participating teams.

5. **Rules.** The committee reviewed current USA Fencing rules modifications and made no changes.
6. **Injury replacement policy.** The committee clarified the language to the injury replacement policy for regionals and the finals site to better capture the intended spirit of the policy.
7. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referee cadre from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group.

8. **Qualification and selections.** The committee reviewed the current qualification process and selections allocations and made no changes. Changes to the qualification process and selections allocations may be part of the upcoming regional realignment proposal.
9. **Committee administration.** The committee reviewed upcoming vacancies on the national committee. The committee also reviewed the regional committees and confirmed members for the next season.

The committee also unanimously elected Chris Gines, assistant athletics director at the United States Air Force Academy, as the chair of the committee for the 2023-24 academic year.

*Committee Chair:* Christopher Gines, United States Air Force Academy, Mountain West Conference.

*Staff Liaison(s):* Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Zoltan Dudas, Princeton University.   |  |
| Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.  |  |
| Christopher Gines, United States Air Force Academy.                         |  |
| Kelsie Gory-Harkey, Cleveland State University.                             |  |
| Elinor Hurt, Duke University.   |  |
| Michael Matt, Brandeis University.  |  |
| John Moreau, University of the Incarnate Word.                              |  |
| Zach Moss, Northwestern University.   |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| None.   |  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| None.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b> |  |
| Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.                              |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                              |  |
| Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances.                                      |  |